EMERGENCY ACT ENFORCEMENT DAILY REPORT

Update 4 - February 20, 2022

Highlights	February 19: Law enforcement operations continued to disband the Ottawa blockade. This included reports of 191 arrests, 57 towed vehicles, 22 license plate seizures, and 11 suspensions of vehicle operator registration. Current totals of 169 financial products frozen, 57 entities reported to financial institutions, and 253 Bitcoin addresses shared with virtual currency exchangers. One financial institution proactively froze the $3.8M account of a payment processor. CBSA turned back two Ottawa-bound foreign nationals at the Prescott, ON Port of Entry under *Emergency Act* Powers.

This daily Situation Report provides a strategic overview of the concrete enforcement actions taken by the Government of Canada pursuant to the authorities granted under the *Emergency Act* and associated Orders in Council (Information current as of **19 February, 20:00hrs**).

Enforcement Actions

Releasable information:

- **The Ottawa Police Service** report approximately **191 arrests** were made in Ottawa during police operations to clear the unlawful protest between when operations began on Friday, February 18th and 12pm February 20th. This included the arrest of protesters in body armor who had smoke grenades and fireworks in their bags.
- Protesters were aggressive and assaultive of police officers with weapons, which warranted the deployment of mid-range impact weapons for officer safety according to police. The **Ontario Special Investigations Unit** announced it is investigating two incidents involving police action in Ottawa this weekend. This is unrelated to false rumours of a woman being trampled to death by a police horse on Friday.
- Additional enforcement actions by **Police** include **57** vehicles towed, **22** license plates seized, and the suspension of **11** vehicle operator registrations.
- **The Ottawa Police Service** laid charges this morning against another key protest organizer for the offenses of mischief, counselling to commit mischief and disobey a court order, counseling to obstruct police, and obstructing police. OPS has now charged **four** individuals since operations began on Feb 18 and the Acting Police Chief has stated publicly they continue to actively pursue investigations.
- **RCMP** and police partners report the freezing of **169 financial products**, disclosure of **57 entities**, sharing **253 Bitcoin addresses** with virtual currency exchangers, and one financial institution proactively freezing the account of a payment processor valued at **$3.8M** (Comment: These numbers reflect the most recent data received from the RCMP and as such differ from those released publicly yesterday).
- **The RCMP** posted a backgrounder on their blockades web site (**Blockades news - blockade.rcmp.ca**) in which they provide numbers. RCMP will be regularly updating the numbers here.
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- The **Department of Finance** advises the implementation of finance-related measures under the *Emergency Economic Measures Order* has resulted in Financial Services providers freezing at least 145 accounts and approximately $3,688,783.
- **FINTRAC's** pre-registration process includes 17 pre-registration forms and 23 inquiries received on the impact of the proclamation, primarily from small and medium-sized bank.

NOT FOR RELEASE:

- **CBSA turned back two foreign nationals** at the Prescott, ON Port of Entry under *Emergency Act* Powers. An Enhanced Vigilance Examination on the two travelers determined they were bound for Ottawa, had reservations in the Red Zone, and discovered an unusual quantity of warm winter clothing. The travelers claimed they were not planning to attend the protest.
- The **RCMP** reported **57** entities includes **18 (+1)** individuals and 39 vehicles, **150** new Bitcoin addresses of unknown value, and an increase of **130** financial products frozen since February 19th.
- The **RCMP** has reported $3,018,000 total in Crypto currency to virtual currency exchangers including $2.4M in 24 Crypto accounts and $618K in 103 Bitcoin addresses.

Supporting Activities

- The **Unified Command** in control of policing in Ottawa (OPS, OPP, RCMP) continue to employ a heavy police presence in downtown Ottawa, actively working to identify and charge protesters, and tow and impound vehicles abandoned in the Secured Area. As of 12pm today, several blocks south of Wellington were cleared of protestors with police checkpoints set up to prevent people from returning.
- The PSPC installed **10,000 linear feet** of fencing and **50 jersey barriers** at additional Ottawa locations in support of law enforcement operations to ensure ground gained from the blockade is not lost.
- The **CBSA** enhanced vigilance and monitored protest activity near a number of Ports of Entry (POE) nationally, and in British Columbia and Saskatchewan in particular. Services at POE Pacific Highway resulted in the temporary suspension of service last night; however, all POEs are currently open.
- **The RCMP** continues to employ checkpoints to limit unlawful access to POEs. This includes active checkpoints at the Pacific Highway (BC), **Northgate (SK)**, and **North Portal (SK).** The **Ontario Provincial Police** intercepted and diverted a convoy near the **Pidgeon River POE**. It included 3 transport trucks and approximately 10 vehicles. Once redirected by law enforcement a peaceful protest ensued.
- **Transport Canada** continues to support law enforcement with **6** NOTAMs currently in effect for Ottawa/Gatineau, Quebec City, Toronto (Queens Park), **North Portal (SK)**, and **Northgate (SK), and Surrey (BC)** (**12** total since Jan 20). Investigations are ongoing into a number of observed NOTAM violations.

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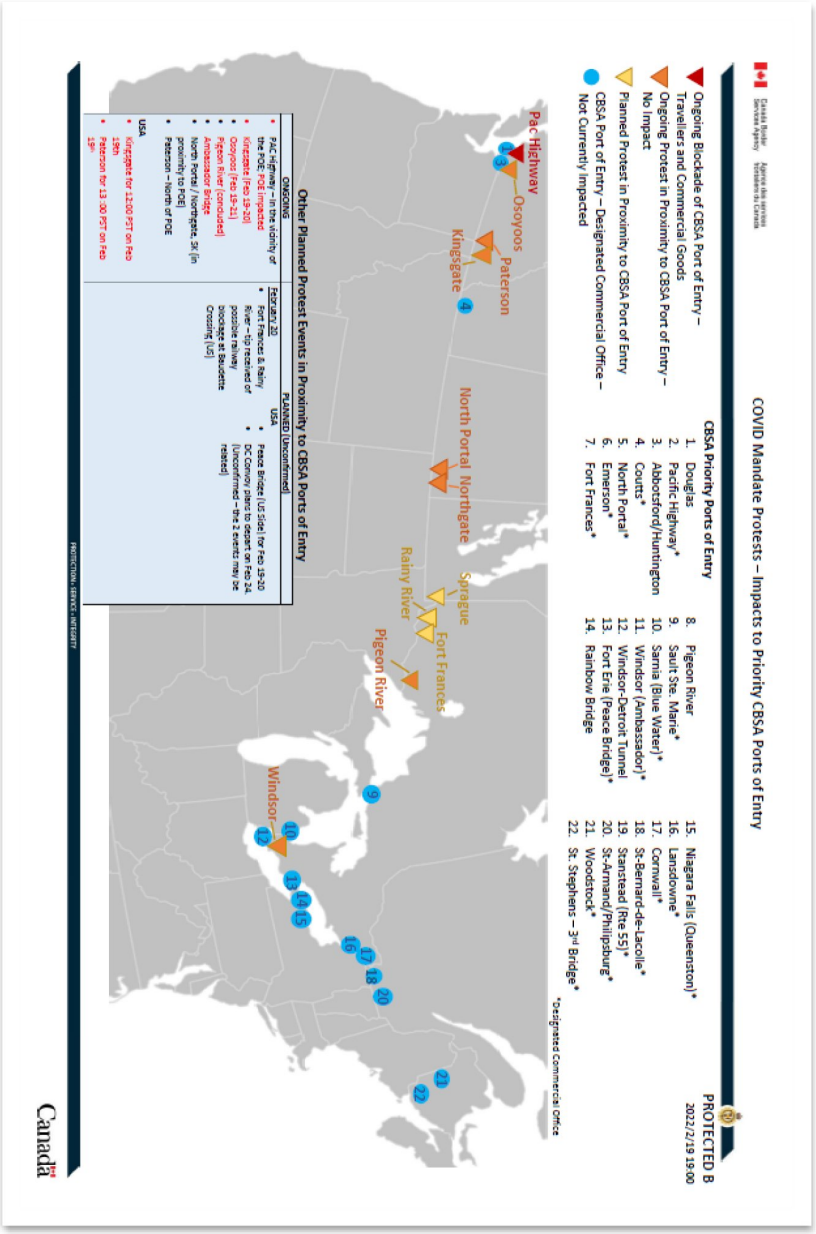

Communications

Invoking the Emergencies Act to keep Canadians safe

On Monday, February 14th, the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, and Ministers Lametti, Blair, and Mendicino announced that our government is invoking the Emergencies Act to supplement Provincial and Territorial authorities to address the blockades and occupation to keep Canadians safe, protect people's jobs, and restore confidence in our institutions.

For more information, see the key messages below.

Key Messages for Ministers (February 19, 2022):

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- For three weeks now, blockades have been illegally disrupting the life of Canadians, harming our economy, and endangering public safety.
- We invoked the Emergencies Act to supplement Provincial and Territorial authorities to address the blockades and occupation to keep Canadians safe, protect people's jobs, and restore confidence in our institutions.
- The Act will strengthen and support the work by the police. We are not using the emergencies Act in order to deploy the military. We will not be suspending fundamental rights as articulated in the charter of rights and freedoms, nor are we limiting the right to peacefully protest or assemble.
- The police have now been given more tools to restore order in places where public assemblies can constitute illegal and dangerous activities, such as blockades and occupations as seen in Ottawa, Ambassador Bridge and elsewhere. These tools include strengthening their ability to impose fines or imprisonment. The government will designate secure-and-protect places and infrastructure that are critical to our economy and people's jobs, including border crossings and airports.
- We have seen recent successes of our law enforcement agencies with the situations now resolved in Windsor, at the Ambassador Bridge, at Coutts Alberta Port of Entry, and also at the Emerson, Manitoba border crossing. Over the past 24 hours, we have seen deliberate and professional enforcement action here in Ottawa.
- We have also seen progress in implementing finance-related measures under the *Emergency Economic Measures Order*. Under the powers of the Act, financial Services providers have frozen at least 76 accounts containing approximately $3.2 million. Additionally, FINTRAC's pre-registration process is ongoing as it responds to several dozen inquiries received from small and medium-sized banks on the impact of the *Emergencies Act* orders.
- For those of you thinking of joining illegal protests, or setting up others across the country, we strongly suggest that you reconsider. We are calling on everyone to not jeopardize public peace or endanger yourselves or others by participating in purposefully illegal activities. There will be consequences for all criminal behavior related to the ongoing situations in Ottawa and across the country.

Law Enforcement Actions under the Economic Emergency Measure Order (Emergencies Act)

Backgrounder

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- The Emergencies Act allows law enforcement and monitoring agencies to work more closely with Canadian financial institutions; enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement conducting investigations into blockades.

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- It allows financial institutions to freeze financial products of individuals and companies suspected of involvement in the illegal acts mentioned in the law, and for law enforcement to share information with financial institutions for that purpose.
- With regards to the enacting and application of the Economic Emergency Measure Order, police partners are working to collect relevant information on persons, vehicles and companies.
- We are already seeing results, including (***Comment**: *The numbers that follow reflect release timing and have since been updated by RCMP as listed under "Releasable Information" section of this SitRep*):
    - The freezing of 113 financial products;
    - The disclosure of 47 entities;
    - 251 Bitcoin addresses have been shared with virtual currency exchangers, and;
    - One financial institution proactively freezing the account of a payment processor to a value of $3.8M.
- Police are in constant communication with the financial institutions to help them make the proper determination, as per the powers of the EEMO, before they take action to freeze financial products within holding. Thus far police have shared several information packages of persons, vehicles and companies involved directly or indirectly in an activity prohibited under the Order.
- It remains the responsibility of the banks to make the decision of freezing the accounts, not an order from the law enforcement.
- Police remain in daily communications with the financial institutions to assist them, when possible, to determine when assets can be unfrozen.

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